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Amendment

SIR:

In response to the Examiner's correspondence dated April 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the following amendment and arguments in determining the patentability of instant application.

In the Claims:

The claims are amended as follows. Only claim 30 is amended.

1. (Previously presented) A method of treating a patient to alleviate pain without addiction, comprising: administering systemically an amount of noribogaine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt in the absence of an opioid analgesic to said patient effective to reduce or eliminate pain in said patient.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said patient is administered a pharmaceutical composition comprising said noribogaine or its salt and wherein said noribogaine is the sole analgesic agent in said pharmaceutical composition.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Previously presented) The method of any of claims 1-2, wherein said noribogaine or its salt is administered to said patient at a dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg per kg of body